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Quick Facts

- USPTA named Ruffoni Southern Male Player for 2015.
- Ruffoni is head tennis pro at the Rock Hill Tennis Center.



Tiago Ruffoni

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – **Tiago Ruffoni '09**, head tennis pro at the **Rock Hill Tennis Center**, has been named the 2015 **U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Southern Male Player**.

Ruffoni will receive the award at the **USPTA Southern Convention** on May 14 at The Standard Club in Johns Creek, Georgia. The Porto Alegre, Brazil, native capped the **annual award** by winning the **U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) National Men's 35 and 30 Doubles Championships** in November and December 2015. **Ruffoni** teamed with longtime partner Clayton Almeida '06, '09 to **win both titles**. **Ruffoni** also was a finalist in the USTA National 30 Mixed Doubles. He received two gold tennis balls for winning each men's division

while taking home a USTA silver ball for being a finalist in mixed doubles. All three **national events** were held at the prestigious Midtown Club in Weston, Florida.

Kim Ozmon, director of the Rock Hill Tennis Center, said that the center was "very proud" of **Ruffoni** for his impressive accomplishments.

"We feel so fortunate to have Tiago here at the Rock Hill Tennis Center, both as a national champion and as an exceptional instructor," said Ozmon.

Ruffoni earned his M.B.A. at Winthrop. He lives in Charlotte with his wife, Krista, and their son.

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